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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION'S "MESSAGE OF HOPE"

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1. WE NOTE FROM PARA. 6 REFTEL (EA PRESS SUMMARY OCTOBER 10) AND WIRELESS FILE OCTOBER 11, NYT HAS REPORTED PUBLICATION OF "A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO FILIPINOS WHO CARE" BY "A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF CITIZENS DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE OF TRUTH, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. SENATOR SALONGA, WHO IS PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF MESSAGE, PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH COPY OCTOBER 11. SIGNERS OF MESSAGE INCLUDE SENATORS SALONGA AND ROXAS, CHINO ROCES, MRS. AQUINO, FATHERS DE LA COSTA AND MAYO, SISTER CHRISTIAN TAN. MESSAGE IS UPDATED AND FOOTNOTED VERSION OF DOCUMENT FIRST DISTRIBUTED TO CODEL WOLFF AND ANALYZED MANILA A-242 OF AUGUST 26, 1975. ACTION PORTION OF MESSAGE, WHICH EMPHASIZES SPEAKING OUT ABOUT CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINES AND SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN, IS SOMEWHAT Milder THAN ACTION AGENDA WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATING RECENTLY AND WHICH SALONGA PRESUMABLY HAD CONSIDERED INCLUDING IN HIS BASIC PAPER.

2. SO FAR MESSAGE HAS BEEN NOTED ONLY BY VALENCIA IN DAILY EXPRESS OCTOBER 12. HIS ARGUMENT IS THAT DESPITE WHAT OLD SOCIETY POLITICOS SAY, " PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THE SCORE IS." HE ADDS THAT, ZSOME OF THOSE CHAMPIOS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATUS QUO ANTE ARE SO HARMLESS NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT

DOES NOT EVEN BOTHER TO ARREST THEM, NO MATTER HOW
REVOLUTIONARY AND BRAVE THEY WOUND."

3. APPEARANCE OF SALONGA MESSAGE COINCIDED WITH PUBLICATION
OF REMARKS BY FORMER SENATOR TOLENTINO TO ROTARY GATHERING
THAT ELECTIONS WERE DESIREABLE SYSTEM BUT, IN EFFECT, SHOULD
NOT BE INTRODUCED UNTIL PEOPLE THOROUGHLY INFORMED
WITH SPIRIT OF NEW SOCIETY. WHETHER OR NOT HIS REMARKS
INTENDED AS RESPONSE TO SALONGA MESSAGE, THEY ARE EXPRESSIVE
OF BASIC DISINTEREST OF GOVERNMENT IN DIALOGUE OR DISCUSSION

4. TEXT OF SALONGA MESSAGE BEING POUCHED EA/PHIL.
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